

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-5 are pending herein, and have been allowed.

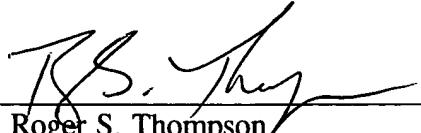
In the pending Office Action, the Examiner called for the submission of the original patent document before the instant reissue application can be allowed. Enclosed herewith is the original patent document. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action towards that end is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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